

NEXT CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

Disconnected by Relocation

Unintended Consequences of Placing Women's Careers on hold.

Tuesday, March 24, 1-3 pm Crossroads Community Center 16000 NE 10th St. – Your RSVP Appreciated

In this month's Cultural Conversations we will explore the challenges and opportunities for women who relocate with their spouses and are unable to work due to government visa restrictions and/or lack of personal and professional connections. This topic affects women residing on the Eastside, as communities such as Bellevue have become increasingly diverse due to companies hiring talented individuals to meet the demands of a global society.

While many of these women are initially excited to relocate, they are suddenly faced with the reality of having sacrificed personal fulfillment and purpose, along with family support, career goals, education and work/life experiences. The recognition of this sacrifice is often met with loneliness, isolation and depression.

You'll hear from a diverse group of women from different countries who will share their stories of loss and the courage to build new lives as they reinvent themselves one day at a time and how connection with others from all over the globe has become their lifeline.

Cultural Conversations was launched in 2010 as a partnership between diverse women in the community and the City of Bellevue. It was initiated by women with a desire to get better connected with their community and enhance their understanding of different cultural practices. Gatherings include women from around the world. The events are free, refreshments are served and women of all ages, faiths and cultures are welcome to attend. To fully participate in the sharing, attendees are encouraged to make arrangements for childcare.

For more information on this event or future Cultural Conversations programs, please contact Carol Ross at 425-452-7917 or cross@bellevuewa.gov; or Barb Tuininga at 425-452-2800 or btuininga@bellevuewa.gov.